

## St. Clare Liturgy Committee

### Minutes June 14, 2012

Present: Fr. Michael Flanagan, Cora LePorin, Elise Andre, Teri Thesing, Trudy Conway

Fr. Michael opened with prayer.

Due to the absence of several committee members, Fr. verified our understanding of the regular meeting time, which is the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm. The possibility of changing the time to 7 was discussed, but it was decided to leave it at 6:30.

Fr. Michael informed us that Fr. Beiting has been having serious medical issues which could affect the celebration that is planned for August 10 & 11. It is believed that Fr. Beiting is out of ICU. Fr. Michael will call the hospital &/or the church in Louisa and try to get more information about his condition.

Questions were asked about who has been contacted about the celebration and how much effort it will take should we need to cancel. Fr. M. has spread the word verbally, but has not issued any invitations in writing. He has been working with Rita and will check with her to see what kind of invitations she might have issued. Cora has contacted CAP and Mt. Tabor. Sr. Camille and Sr. Barbara have been contacted.

There is to be a lunch at The Dinner Bell with a cookout in the evening sponsored by the men's group in Friendship Hall on Friday, August 10. These are primarily in honor of Fr. Beiting and could be cancelled if he is unable to come. Fr. Michael continues to work on a biographical sketch of Fr. Beiting.

With or without Fr. Beiting's attendance, we will still celebrate the Feast of St. Clare on Saturday and the Bishop will be attending. Mass and rededication of St. Clare will be at 4 pm on Saturday, August 11. Pot Luck, sponsored by the women's guild will follow.

For the Feast Day liturgy, a cantor and other appropriate musicians will be needed. Trudy will see to this. Trudy has a list of music that was used at the original dedication in 2002. It was agreed that we would like to use the same, or mostly the same music. Two lectors are needed. Extraordinary Ministers may or may not be needed, depending on how many priests are in attendance. There are three options for readings: Sunday readings, dedication of a church or readings of the feast. Fr. will check into this and let us know.

Fr. Michael would like to use incense, but there was concern about allergies among the assembly. Concern about the length of the service was expressed, pointing out that both Fr. B. and Bishop Gainer tend to talk a long time. A worship aid will be needed. There will be veneration of St. Clare relics after mass. This would be after the closing procession and is optional for anyone who wants to come forward.

Opening procession should involve all different facets of the membership at St. Clare. We might include the candle holders that can be hung on the walls, might use the ribbons, as we did on Pentecost. Teri will work on a plan for the opening procession.

There was no written agenda for this meeting and it was asked if we should appoint a chair. Fr. M. said that Katherine is our chair, just out of town for this meeting. Trudy had previously mentioned to Katherine that we

should be taking minutes and agreed to do that if no one else volunteered. Trudy will also send out an email reminder before each meeting. Do we have a Parish Council representative that can attend Liturgy Committee? Diane Z. attended one meeting and it was thought that Jody B. might be the Parish Council rep, but her health has forced her to place limits on her activities. We would like to make sure that we do normally have someone from Parish Council in attendance.

Discussion of recent liturgies. Invitation to greet others in the assembly and birthdays and anniversaries has been inconsistent, would like it to be more consistent. Should similar announcements and invitations take place at the Saturday night liturgy, or do Sat. night attendees object for some reason?

There were many positive comments about the Pentecost celebration. The multi-lingual readings went well and were greatly appreciated.

First Communion went well. It was requested that Fr. M. focus his homily toward the first communicant children in the future. Fr. said he spent a lot of time talking with the children and explaining various things around the worship space with them at the retreat the day before, but he could have saved part of that for the morning liturgy and will do so in the future. Fr. would like to see more parental participation, with part or all-day attendance at the retreat instead of just dropping the kids off. Parents could possibly be ministers of the cup at the liturgy.

Bells had been used recently at consecration and many people found it unpleasant. The bells will not be removed from the sanctuary because they are used regularly at the Spanish mass, but they will not be used again at the 7 pm or 9 am masses.

Upcoming concerns. A coordinator for Eucharistic Ministers is still needed. Training days for Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors & Servers need to be scheduled as soon as possible for dates probably in September.

Is there going to be another Day of Recollection? Probably in August. Julie LeBrun is working on it.

We need to plan something for a back-to-school liturgy in August, with a special blessing for students, teachers and staff. Date for the beginning of school will be verified before our next meeting. In September, there will be a commissioning of CCD teachers. New Parish Council members should also be commissioned and this could possibly be done at the same time.

Surveys that were distributed in April are still in process. Ed Forester is working on a report. Trudy will let Ed know that we would like to have a copy of his report a week or 2 before our next meeting so that we can all take time to review the report and be ready for discussion at the July 12 meeting.

There will be no August meeting due to so many activities going on. Therefore, at the July meeting, we need to finalize plans for the Fr. Beiting/St. Clare celebration; back to school liturgy; CCD and Parish Council commissionings; discuss survey.

The next Liturgy Committee meeting will take place on Thursday, July 12 at 6:30 pm.